

(d) the steps taken to ensure regular supplies to consumers?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. There has been a shortfall in the supplies from U.S.S.R.

(c) and (d). The shortfall is being made good by making additional imports from alternate sources to the extent required so that regular supplies to consumers are maintained.

[Translation]

Resumption of Closed Mica Mines

1201. SHRI BHUVNESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the setting up of MITCO and taking over of mica industry by the Government, a large number of mica mines have been closed down and thousands of labourers engaged in mica mines and mica dealers have been rendered jobless;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any scheme has been formulated by the Government for restarting these mica mines and provide jobs to the jobless labourers; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Jamrani Dam Project

1202. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to abandon the Jamrani Dam Project in view

of the recent earthquake; and

(b) if not, the time by which the project is likely to be completed along with the details of progress made thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACAHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir. The work on the dam has not started. The recommendations of Department of Earthquake Engineering, University of Roorkee have been obtained for guidance in formulation of detailed designs of the dam to make it earthquake resistant.

(b) Jamrani Dam Project is envisaged under two stages. In Stage-I, construction of a barrage near Kathgodam in District Nainital along with the modernisation of irrigation system have almost been completed. Under Stage-II, a dam of 131 metre height is proposed upstream, of the barrage on the Gola river. In May 1989, the Advisory Committee has cleared the project technically subject to its approval from the Ministry of Environment and Forests. An estimated expenditure of Rs. 16.97 crores has been incurred against the estimated cost of Rs. 144.84 crores (1987 price level). The project is scheduled to spill over to Ninth Plan.

Issues Raised at Commonwealth Heads of Government Meet (CHOGM) at Harare

1203. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations made by the Commonwealth Finance Ministers at Kuala Lumpur were taken up by the recent Commonwealth Heads of Government meet (CHOGM) at Harare;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the results achieved in this regard;

(c) whether any report was prepared